



Weekly Message from Superintendent Ritz June 25, 2014

Thank you to all of you that responded to our ESEA flexibility extension request survey. The feedback was helpful as we finalize our request. As soon as the final version is complete we will be publishing the entire ESEA flexibility extension request and all related materials on the IDOE website to foster statewide understanding of the Indiana plan.

At the Department of Education we are very busy working on creating rich resources to align to our college and career ready standards. We are also working hard to support the transition to college and career ready assessments and finalizing the submission of the ESEA flexibility extension request for USED.

In this dialogue please find an update on standards resource materials being released this week to support the college and career ready Indiana Academic Standards and Mathematics as well as an in-depth dive into assessments for 2014-2015.

Hope everyone is enjoying the summer, finding a great book to read and enjoying some much deserved rest and relaxation.

Feel free to leave comments at doecomm@doe.in.gov.

Sincerely,

Glenda Ritz, Superintendent of Public Instruction

NOTE: * indicates data information requirements for ALL public schools, including charter schools.



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Department Summits

MEMORANDUM: The Indiana School Safety Academy is co-sponsoring a regional training on July 18 in Indianapolis titled "Teen Dating Violence/Sexual Assault: Creating a Safe Environment at School", presented by Chris Warren from the Domestic Violence Network and Colleen Yeakle from the Indiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Participants at this training will receive one day of annual Safety Specialist re-certification for the 2014-2015 school year. Registration and additional information are available [online](#).

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IDOE Memoranda

MEMORANDUM: Supplemental WIDA PD Grant Opportunity The IDOE Office of English Learning and Migrant Education is pleased to announce a supplemental grant opportunity to assist school districts in the implementation of the WIDA English language development (ELD) standards through the purchase of WIDA materials, training on the WIDA standards, and curricula integration with WIDA. The estimated time to complete this brief grant application is 10 minutes. The application is found online [HERE](#). School districts may wish to utilize [Indiana's WIDA Implementation Guide](#) while planning for this supplemental grant.

The grant due date is July 31, 2014. Funds must be encumbered by September 30, 2014 and liquidated by December 15, 2014. This grant opportunity is in addition to a school district's regular Title III or [NESP grants](#). Funding authorizations for each district can be found in the [attached document](#). (\$3.82 per LEP student) Please reference the [memo](#) for further information. If you have any questions, please contact nwilliamson@doe.in.gov or 317-233-0786. ([see memorandum](#))

MEMORANDUM: High School Principal Graduation Waiver Survey, HEA 1005 requires the State Board of Education to set a threshold for number of high school graduation waivers that are granted per school. In order to make an informed decision the Indiana Department of Education is seeking response to a few short questions. Please respond by next Friday July 4th. ([link to survey here](#)). Thank you in advance for your prompt reply.

College and Career Ready Standards Resources Materials Ready for Publication, The Indiana Department of Education will publish this Thursday June 26th additional robust resources that align to the college and career ready Indiana Academic Standards for English Language Arts and Mathematics (2014). On the [IDOE website](#) at <http://www.doe.in.gov/standards> you will be able to find resources that include the following:

Mathematics

- Examples and links to resources aligned to each grade level and standard
- Glossary of math terms

English Language Arts

- Sample Text Reading List
- Reading Toolkit that includes: Complexity Rubric and Samples & Non-Fiction Reading Resources

Glossary of English language arts terms These resources are in addition to the already published correlation documents and vertical standards alignment maps. The Indiana Department of Education is continuing to finalize additional resources, and plans to publish in the next few weeks the assessment blueprint aligned to the college and career ready standards and assessment for 2014-2015, as well resources for differentiated student populations and site for teacher collaboration through online communities of practice.

MEMORANDUM: \$8 million dollars was awarded via the Federal School Improvement Grants to seven Indiana schools. School Improvement Grants are awarded to schools that demonstrate a great need for these funds, as well as a commitment to use these funds to raise achievement levels in low performing schools. The total amount awarded to Indiana schools is over \$8 million over the next three years. These grants are fully funded by the federal government. The School Improvement Grants are commonly referred to as 1003(g) grants. The Indiana recipients are:

- Stonybrook Middle School, MSD Warren Township: \$1,850,000.00
- Fairview Elementary, Monroe County: \$619,258.69
- Highland Park Elementary, Monroe County: \$847,122.95
- Lake Ridge Middle School, Lake Ridge School Corporation: \$738,388.07
- Chamberlain Elementary, Goshen: \$1,750,000.00
- Sarah Scott Middle School, Vigo County: \$948,829.85

- McCulloch Middle School, Marion: \$1,750,000.00
- TOTAL SIG 1003(g) award: \$8,503,599.56

More information on this program, including application information, can be found here: <http://www.doe.in.gov/titlei/1003g-summary-sig-grants>.

MEMORANDUM: IDOA provides several important updates regarding ^(OBJ) Assessment Update on ISTEP+ (Grades 3-8), ECAs, ISTAR Replacement. Please read the [document](#) in its entirety and share the pertinent information with your staff. Be sure to watch for more details coming throughout the summer.

ISTEP+ Grades 3-8 assessment is aligned to 2014 Indiana Academic Standards in English/Language Arts and Mathematics. Four sample technology-enhanced items (2 ELA, 2 Math) are displayed in the [PDF document](#) that accompanies this memorandum. Indiana educators play an important role in the development of assessments. ([sample assessment questions](#)) The timeline for development and implementation of the Spring 2015 ISTEP+ assessment is outlined in the [attached memorandum](#).

ISTEP+ End of Course Assessments (ECAs) The Algebra I and English 10 ECAs serve a dual purpose in Indiana. These assessments are the NCLB federally-required English/Language Arts and Mathematics assessments in grade 10. In addition, these two ECAs comprise Indiana's Graduation Qualifying Examination (GQE).

Replacing ISTAR The ESEA Flexibility Waiver requirement applies to Indiana's alternate assessment, as well. A fully operational alternate assessment based on the 2014 college-and-career ready English/Language Arts and Mathematics Indiana Academic Standards must be administered by the spring of 2015. For further details please read [attached memorandum](#)

MEMORANDUM: The submission of your 2014-15 Elementary Reading Plan is due by June 30, 2014. Pursuant to state regulations, the State Board of Education is required to request that all State Board accredited schools with kindergarten through grade 3 submit an annual Elementary Reading Plan. Reading Plans should be submitted [online](#). Principals must utilize their personal school/pin login to access DOE Online.

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Professional Development

Education Service Centers will be offering RISE Teacher Evaluation Training between June 2014 and September 2014. Below are the scheduled dates and their registration sites:

- East Central ESC: June 25-26, 2014 (<http://www.ecesc.k12.in.us>)
- West Central ESC: July 21-22, 2014 (<http://www.wciesc.k12.in.us>)
- Wilson Center ESC: July 21-22, 2014 (<http://www.wesc.k12.in.us>)
- Region 8 ESC: July 23-24, 2014 (<http://www.r8esc.k12.in.us>)
- Northern Indiana ESC: July 29-31, 2014 (<http://www.niesc.k12.in.us>)
- Wabash Valley ESC: July 29-30, 2014 (<http://www.esc5.k12.in.us>)
- Southern Indiana ESC: August 27-28, 2014 (<http://www.siec.k12.in.us>)
- Northwest Indiana ESC: September 4-5, 2014 (<http://www.nwiesc.k12.in.us>)
- Central Indiana ESC: September 18-19, 2014 (<http://www.ciesc.k12.in.us>)

Central Indiana Educational Services, (CIESC) offers a variety of professional learning workshops, to view these events visit www.ciesc.k12.in.us, view events calendar on right side bar or click on Services, then Professional Learning.

Managing Classrooms to Prevent Bullying: Everyone at school can work together to create a climate where bullying is not acceptable. Learn how teachers can create ground rules with students and set clear expectations for behavior: <http://1.usa.gov/1kOADxj>

Legislative & Policy Updates

The Indiana Department of Education has released guidance on the following laws that were passed by the General Assembly. Please review the guidance, as well as all the newly passed education laws with the appropriate staff at your schools.

- [HEA 1063 - Charter School Compacts](#)
- [HEA 1290 - Health of Student Athletes](#)
- [SEA 114 - Excused Absences from School for State Fair Matters](#)
- [SEA 222 - Student Athlete Concussions](#)
- [SEA 229 - Firearm Matters](#)
- [SEA 245- Schools and Auto-injectable Epinephrine](#)

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Information from Other Agencies

College Choice 529 Savings Plans, 13 Indiana students earn money for college in statewide contest. Learn More Indiana's Cash for College contest offers College Choice 529 Savings Plans Hoosier students-from kindergarten through high school-are being rewarded for planning how they will pay for education beyond high school. Learn More Indiana, an outreach initiative led by the Indiana Commission for Higher Education, is awarding 13 students-one in each grade from kindergarten through high school seniors-with \$529 in an Indiana College Choice 529 Savings Plan

Learn More Indiana is a partnership of state and local organizations working to help students of all ages succeed in school, complete college and connect to careers. In print, in person, online and on the phone, Learn More Indiana helps Hoosiers plan, prepare and pay for education and training beyond high school. Learn more at LearnMoreIndiana.org.

Hands in Autism, Bus rides can be challenging for many students and students with autism spectrum disorders (ASD) are no different. However, with a basic understanding of ASD and tooled with some practical and proactive strategies, the bus driver and staff can set up for successful and safe bus drives to and from school. As a result of this training, you will:

- Develop an understanding of characteristic strengths and challenges of students on the autism spectrum.
- Learn practical strategies for setting up for successful bus rides to and from school.
- Learn strategies for working effectively as a team with school staff and families to address behavioral issues on the bus.

For [more information](#) and registration information please visit: <https://handsinautism.iupui.edu/workshops.html>

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